



## Community Context Audit

Context sensitive solutions (CSS) is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that encourages the involvement of all stakeholders in developing a transportation facility that fits its unique setting, its context. Context relates to all elements in an area, including its people, places, and unique characteristics.

IDOT conducts a context audit to collect information about the study area from the public and other stakeholders. This information helps IDOT better understand community resources and values.

## Preliminary Audit Results

A context audit form was provided to representatives of local communities to obtain input. The form was also available at the public meeting in March 2012 and posted to the project website.

The following highlights audit results to date.

- Important/**most important** transportation-related features:
  - Bicycle lanes, paths or facilities
  - Greenways
  - Landscaping
  - Pedestrian crossings (crosswalks, bridges)
  - Sidewalk or street lighting
  - Transit connections
  - Transit shelters or stations
- Important/**most important** resources:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air quality</li> <li>○ Community and social resources</li> <li>○ Ecology and natural resources</li> <li>○ Economics and business</li> <li>○ Energy</li> <li>○ Farmland</li> <li>○ Floodplains</li> <li>○ Historical &amp; archaeological resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land use</li> <li>○ Parks and recreation</li> <li>○ Soils and geology</li> <li>○ Noise and soundscapes</li> <li>○ Tribal and cultural resources</li> <li>○ Vegetation/plants</li> <li>○ Waste management/services</li> <li>○ Water quality</li> <li>○ Wetlands</li> </ul>
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- Transportation-related issues along study corridor:
  - Traffic congestion
  - Access issues
  - Safety issues
  - Poor roadway conditions